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Tupelo Parks and Recreation



Contact Numbers

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center	(662) 841-3791
Golf Shop	(662) 841-6446
City Park Tennis Courts	(662) 687-2445
Lee Acres Center	(662) 841-6452
Grounds Maintenance Shop	(662) 844-4676
Maintenance Operation Shop	(662) 841-6436
Oren Dunn City Museum	(662) 841-6438
Rec-Check	(662) 842-8422
Tupelo Aquatic Center	(662) 840-3768

Rental & Recreational Facilities

Rockwell Center 1199 Joyner Avenue

\$100.00 rental fee, \$100.00 damage deposit

Fee includes 1 large room/1 small room, kitchen facility, 20 • 6ft tables (rectangle) and chairs for 100 people. This facility is used mainly for birthday parties, family reunions and dances.

Augustus Center 1400 North Green Street

\$100.00 rental fee, \$100.00 damage deposit

Fee includes 1 room for up to 100 people , 10 • 6ft Tables (rectangle) & chairs for 75 people. This facility is used for various get-togethers. The Augustus Center is available for neighborhood activities.

Bel-Air Center 2107 Country Club Road

\$400.00 rental fee, \$125.00 damage deposit

Fee includes two large rooms, full kitchen, patio area, 15 Round Tables, 2 6ft Tables (rectangle), 5 • 8ft Tables (rectangle) and chairs for 100 people

**Contact Pat Clark, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for rental information
662-841-3791 (after hours please leave message).**

Ballard Park 655 Rutherford Road

West Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 150 people)

East Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds up to 30 people)

Gazebo \$50.00 per day (weddings/church services)

Stage Fee depends on size/type of event.

Hancock Park 310 Monument Drive

Pavilion \$50.00 – per day (holds 25-30 people)

Theron Nichols 1743 Mitchell Road

Pavilion \$50.00 – per day (holds 25-30 people)

Veterans Park 800 North Veterans Boulevard

Veterans Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Veterans Memorial Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (Holds approximately 40 people)

Gum Tree Park 683 North Front Street

Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Recreational Center (Non-Rental Facility) 906 Fillmore Drive

Dot Cooper-Kelly Park at Lee Acres offers a complete weight room, portable indoor basketball court, racquetball court, aerobics room and a ping pong table. Outdoor basketball court and tennis courts and a variety of board games, contests, and sports tournaments.

Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm

A.M. Strange Building 579 N. Green Street

\$25.00 rental fee, \$25.00 damage deposit

Meeting space for 25-30 people. Includes table and chairs.

**All Facility rentals are one day only from 8:00 am-10:00 pm.
Contact Neely Turner for Rental Information at 662-841-6440.**

2016 Calendar

January

- 2 Disc Golf Tournament
- 4 Recreational Basketball Resumes
- 11-29 Spring Registration for Baseball/Softball
- 11-March 2 Tennis Clinic
- 30 Director's Cup Basketball Championship Game

February

- Black History Month at Oren Dunn City Museum TBA
- 1 City-Wide Sidewalk Sale Registration Opens
- 6 Krewe of Barkus
- 8-March 4 Adult Spring Registration
- 16 Spring Soccer Starts
- 18-21 MS Short Course State Championship Swim Meet
- 20 Mooreville High School Jamboree
- 26-27 Lifeguard Class-Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 27 Mooreville High School Softball Classic

March

- 4-5 High School Softball Jamboree
- 5-6 TYSA DII Soccer Tournament
- 11-13 Lights Out World Series Qualifier Baseball Tournament
- 13 Cherry Blossom Festival at Ballard Park
- 17-18 Lifeguard Class-Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 21-April 8 Challenger League Softball Registration
- 21-May 11 Tennis Clinic
- 25-26 You Can't Hit What You Can't See Baseball Tournament
- TBA 6th Annual In-Water Easter Egg Hunt-Tupelo Aquatic Center

April

- April-May Geology Fest Exhibit at Oren Dunn City Museum
- 1-2 Lifeguard Class- Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 2 Autism Awareness Day
- 7 Recreational Soccer Ends
- 9 Children's Fishing Rodeo
- City Wide Sidewalk Sale
- Fossil Road Show at Oren Dunn City Museum
- Boerner Be Wild
- 11 Youth Baseball Begins
- 16 Adult Sports Triathlon
- 15-16 Noleput
- 15-17 Bench Warmers Baseball Tournament
- 18 Adult Softball Begins
- 22-24 2nd Annual John Servati Memorial Swim Meet
- 23 Youth Softball Begins
- 29-May 1 Monster Mash Baseball Tournament

May

- Tupelo Strong Tornado Exhibit
- 2 Challenger Softball Begins
- 3 Day Camp Registration
- Oren Dunn Museum Camp Registration
- 7 Dudies Burger Festival
- 13-15 JT Neely Softball Tournament
- Super NIT Baseball Tournament
- 21-22 MS State Cup Soccer Tournament
- 24 Summer Hours begin for Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 27-29 Hey Batter Batter Baseball Tournament
- 30 Memorial Day Ceremony
- 31-June 17 Fall Registration for Soccer, Flag Football and Cheerleading

June

- 3-5 MS Express Softball Tournament
- 4-5 Disc Golf Tournament
- 6 Day Camp Begins
- CC Augustus Pool Opens
- 6-10 Oren Dunn Museum Camp
- Tennis Clinic
- 9-12 USSSA State Baseball Tournament
- 10-12 Gum Tree Classic Softball Tournament
- 13-17 Tennis Clinic
- TYSA Soccer Academy
- 17-19 TSA Tune-up Softball Tournament
- 20-30 Adult Softball Director's Cup
- 20-24 Tennis Clinic
- 20 Challenger Softball Final
- 23 Recreational Baseball Ends
- 24-26 Shockwave Preliminary Final Long Course Meet
- Ballard Park World Series Qualifier Warm-up Baseball Tournament
- MS Express Softball Tournament
- 25 Summer Movie in the Park
- 27-July 1 Tennis Clinic

July

- 4 All-America City Family Picnic in the Park
- 4-5 Disc Golf Tournament
- 4-8 Tennis Clinic
- 5-Aug 5 Adult Fall Registration
- 8 Super Fun Day
- 8-10 Tupelo Jr. Open Tennis Tournament
- 11-Aug. 5 TopSoccer Registration
- 11-15 Tennis Clinic
- TYSA Soccer Academy
- 18-22 Tennis Clinic
- 19 Tupelo Aquatic Center Summer Hours End
- 21-23 3 V 3 Basketball Jamboree
- 21-24 MS Swimming, Inc. Long Course Championships
- 22-23 Adult Church State Softball Tournament
- 23 Summer Movie in the Park
- 25-29 Tennis Clinic
- 25-31 ASA 10UA & 10UB Southern Nationals (Softball)

August

- 1-6 Southern Zone Senior Championships
- 6 Cheer Workshop
- 8 Family Camp Out Registration Opens
- 8-Sept 28 Tennis Clinic
- 12-14 ASA Adult State Softball Tournament
- 13 Tupelo Aquatic Center Fall/Winter Hours Begin
- 13 Flag Football & Cheer Opening Ceremonies
- 22 Cheerleading Begins
- 23 Adult Fall League Begins
- 26-28 TSA Back to School Bash
- 27 Summer Movie in the Park

September

- 6-23 Youth Basketball Registration Begins
- 6 Zombie Fun Run Registration Begins
- 6 Recreational Soccer Begins
- 9-10 Living History Days
- 9-11 Tri-Level Tennis Tournament
- 10 Touch-A-Truck
- 12 TopSoccer Begins
- 16-18 TSA Fall Frenzy Softball Tournament

September (Cont.)

- 17 Celebration of Cultures
- 17-18 Adidas Invitational Soccer Tournament
- 19-Oct. 14 Challenger Basketball Registration Begins
- 25 Punt, Pass & Kick Local
- 30 Family Camp Out/Fall Movie in the Park

October

- 10-Dec. 7 Tennis Clinic
- 14-21 Scarecrow Exhibit Oren Dunn Museum
- 15 Barktoberfest
- Zombie Fun Run
- Dogtrot Rockabilly Festival at Oren Dunn Museum
- 20 Recreational Soccer Ends
- 24 Therapeutic Halloween Party
- 27 Halloween Egg Hunt/Trunk or Treat
- Adult Fall League Ends
- Youth Flag Football Ends
- 30 Punt, Pass & Kick Sectional
- TBA Pick Your Pumpkin from Our Patch-Tupelo

November

- Annual Toy Exhibit Oren Dunn Museum
- 5 Basketball Players Clinic
- 7 Challenger Basketball Begins
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- 11-13 Tupelo Kick & Roll Soccer Tournament
- Drop and Shop-Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 14-Dec. 16 Toys for Tots Drive
- 17-19 Tupelo High School Soccer Jamboree
- 28 Holiday Open House at Oren Dunn Museum
- Meet the Grinch at Oren Dunn Museum

December

- 1 Lighting of the Park
- 2-4 Kris Kringle Classic Tennis Tournament
- 3 Basketball Opening Ceremonies
- 5 Challenger Basketball Ends
- Recreational Basketball Begins
- 15-17 Lifeguard Class-Tupelo Aquatic Center

Youth Recreational Softball League

The youth girls' recreational softball league offers T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Fast and/or Modified Pitch leagues that are played at Veterans Park Complex. This is an instructional league aimed to teach the fundamentals of softball.

Registration Dates: January 11 - January 29

Estimated Start Date: April 23

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thurs, some Saturdays

Ages: 4 - 14 (Age as of December 31, 2015)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Competitive Softball

MS Express Competitive Softball holds open try-outs. The girls are selected on their scores on several aspects of the game. Girls selected for the competitive teams will compete in tournaments around the state.

Try Out Date: Late July or Early August 2016

Start Date: TBA

Days of Week: TBA

Ages: 7 - 16



Youth Basketball League

This League is open to both boys and girls. Games are played in a gym provided by the Tupelo Public Schools. We use drop down goals for the youngest age groups to help them become fundamentally sound.

Registration Dates: September 6 - September 23

Estimated Start Date: December 3

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Saturday

Ages: 6 - 14 (Age as of September 1, 2016)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Youth Recreational Baseball

The recreational baseball program's goal is to teach the basic fundamentals and sportsmanship. The baseball complex has 13 lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms and concession.

Registration Dates: January 11 - 29

Estimated Start Date: April 11

Days of Week: Mon, Tue and Thursday

Ages: 4 - 18 (Age before May 1, 2016)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



North Mississippi Peeewee Football League / Tupelo Wave

The North Mississippi Peeewee Football League / Tupelo Wave, has been around since 2004. In this time we have taught hundreds of kids the most up to date training, teamwork, structure, and discipline. Most of our coaches have been at the collegiate level. We are also certified with the (AYF) American Youth Football organization. Each year a child participates with us his skill level grows higher, which helps him be successful at the varsity level.

Pre-Registration: Spring Break 2016 Monday – Saturday, 6:00pm till 8:00, Gumtree Park, Front St

Early sign-up Cost: \$130.00 (This covers Helmet, Shoulder Pads, & entire Uniform)

Regular Registration: May 21st, May 28th, 9:00am till 12:00, Gumtree Park, Front St

Cost: \$150.00 (This covers Helmet, Shoulder Pads, & entire Uniform)

Age Groups: 6-8, 9-10, 11-12

Practice begins: June (skill practice), July (team practice)

Estimated Game start date: Late August

For more info: Like us on Facebook **NMPFL**

Contact: Russell Verell 662-231-6467



Tupelo Seahawks / Tupelo Jr. Wave

Tupelo Seahawks & Jr. Wave Football Teams and Cheer Squad were created in 2013 as an organization dedicated to proper coaching and training of our area athletics. We emphasize healthy habits, dedication, teamwork, and above all, respect of others. Each coach and cheer coordinator is certified through the American Youth Football Organization (AFYO). The largest competitive sports organization in the Southeastern region. We are an elite travel team. We play teams from Baldwin, Shannon, Verona, and other surrounding cities.

Registration: Spring Break Week- March 9, 10, 12, & 14, 2016 from 5:00p- 6:30p

Robbins Field (behind Church St. School)

Spring practice: March 28, 2016

10:00 am

Robbins Field

Game schedule: Season starts in August 2016 Date, time, place & team: TBA

Football fee: \$175 per child- 5 months of skill and position training

2 game jerseys, pants, socks, mouthpieces, helmet and pad rental

*Helmets and pads will be returned at the end of the season.

Cheer fee: \$160 per child, custom uniform, socks, pom poms, and other accessories

Payment Plan available

Contacts: Department of Operations- 662-213-5767

Coach Partlow- 662-322-5493

Coach Banks- 662-610-1943



Like us on Facebook: *Tupelo Seahawks Youth Football or Tupelo Seahawks Cheer*

Lee County Bears Youth Football & Cheer

Youth sports organization established to promote wholesome development of youth through association with adult leaders in a positive, safe environment.

Good sportsmanship: we thrive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect and hard work rather than "winning at all cost" attitude. Positive reinforcement builds confidence.



DES:

Ages: 6 - 12 (no one 13 before 8-1-16)

Registration: March 5, 2016 *McAllisters 10:00 - 1:00pm

March 19, 2016 *McAllisters 10:00 - 1:00pm

Cost: \$100 yearly (covers flag & tackle)

Practice at Verona Baseball Field Mattox Road

1st Practice: 1st Saturday in April 4-2-16

Tackle: 1st Saturday in August 8-6-16

Regular Season: August - Sept. 2016

Playoffs: October

Super Bowl: November

Tupelo Rangers Baseball & Tupelo Titans Baseball

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo and Lee County a competitive level of baseball. There are three lighted fields located at Theron Nichols Park and a lighted field at City Park. Both have restroom facilities.

Registration Dates: July Annual Try-outs

Estimated Season: August - October & February - June

Days of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Weekends

Ages: 7 - 14 (Age before May 1, 2017)

Tupelo Rangers



Baseball



Youth Recreational Flag Football

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo a recreational program to teach the basic fundamentals and to learn sportsmanship. There are five lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms, concession, walking track, skate park, and playground area.

Registration Dates: May 31 - June 17

Estimated Start Date: August 13

Days of Week: Monday & Thursday

Ages: 6 - 11 (Age as of September 1, 2016)

Cost: \$45 for city residents
\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$70 for Lee County residents



Cheerleading

Everyone that signs up for cheerleading will be a cheerleader for our youth flag football and youth basketball programs. One mass clinic will be conducted by high school cheerleaders.

Registration: May 31 - June 17

Estimated Start Date: August 13 Opening Ceremonies

Ages: 6 - 12 (Age as of September 1, 2016)

Cost: \$15 per child

*Cost does not include uniform.

Cheer Workshop: August 6

Workshop Cost: Free



Tupelo Youth Soccer

Tupelo Youth Soccer is designed to promote and teach the game of soccer to all the youth of Tupelo. Soccer is played in the Fall and Spring of each year and all games are played at the beautiful Ballard Park Sportsplex.

Registration Dates: May 31 - June 17

Estimated Start Date: September 6

Days of Week: Mon, Tue & Thurs

Ages: 4 - 18 boys and girls

Cost: \$50 city residents
\$60 Tupelo School District (non-city res.)
\$75 Lee County resident



Tupelo Futbol Club

Tupelo Futbol Club's purpose is to provide players with the best available training and coaching to help them improve their team and individual skills. TFC seeks to provide every player with the opportunities both on and off the field that will help them advance to the highest level. TFC also hopes to create a program that all players, parents and spectators will be proud of and that they will represent the community with pride.

Try-out Dates: TBA

Estimated Start Date: August 1

Ages: 10 - 18 boys and girls



Tupelo Tennis Academy

Individual and semi-private lessons are available upon request for those who wish to develop and improve specific skills. All instructional programs offered are designed to allow each individual to progress at their own pace and to the extent of their ability. All lessons are taught at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility.

Contact: Joseph Mahaffey at 662-213-1914
Jarred Grime at 662-669-0042
or Michael Metz at 662-416-5866

Spring & Fall Adult Softball Leagues

There are a variety of leagues available for churches, recreational, competitive, and co-ed. Tupelo will continue to offer a fall softball league with men's and women's leagues. ASA rules will be in effect with a few local league rules. Games will be played at Eastwood Complex / Veteran's Complex.

Registration Dates: Spring: Feb. 8 - March 2; Fall: July 5 - Aug. 5

Spring Start Date: April 18, 2016

Fall Start Date: August 23, 2016

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men & Women

Cost: \$375 per team to City of Tupelo



Adult Soccer League

Tupelo Youth Soccer Association is now offering an adult soccer league. This is a great opportunity to socialize, exercise and compete in a fun atmosphere.

Registration Dates: April 1 - 29, 2016

Estimated Start Date: Late May or Early June

Day of Week: Tuesday / Thursday (Subject to change)

Ages: 18 & up

Cost: \$40



Bel-Air Golf Course offers Spring Youth Golf Clinics

Offering a series of three Youth clinics on site at Bel-Air Golf Course in Tupelo. Structured and qualified training will be available from local instructors. This is an opportunity for area youth, new to and already playing golf. You can register your child by contacting Bel-Air Golf Course at 662-841-6446 ten days prior to each seminar.

Clinic Dates: 1) Tuesday-March 15th, 2016

2) Saturday- April 9th, 2016

3) Thursday- May 26th, 2016

Each clinic will be from 8am until 12:15 pm.

Every session will emphasize different skills.

Cost: \$40.00 for all three Clinics

Ages: 6-12

Door Prizes, refreshments and fun activities included during each clinic. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

"Introducing your child to a sport for a lifetime"



Adult Kickball League

Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department will offer adult kickball as a fall sport every year. Kickball will provide participants a way to enjoy time outdoors as well as enjoy spending time socializing with others. All participants must be 16 years of age or older.

Get your team together now and contact **Alex Wilcox** at 662-841-6440 for more information.

Registration Dates: July 5 - Aug 5

Estimated Start Date: August 23, 2016

Day of the Week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men and Women

Cost: \$125 per team



Adult & Senior Tennis Leagues

These leagues are coordinated through USTA, Southern Tennis Association (STA), and the Mississippi Tennis Association (MTA). All players must be current members of the USTA for the entire local league season. These are fun and exciting leagues to engage in friendly competition. All players, teams, and local leagues must abide by all applicable USTA, STA, and MTA rules and regulations, which can be found at www.mstennis.com. All home matches will be played at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility. For more information contact Tupelo Tennis Academy at 662-687-2445.

Track & Field

Track and Field games are coming back to Tupelo. Kids 6-14 are encouraged to do their best in events like running, jumping and throwing. Your child can be part of the fun. Check the Tupelo Parks & Recreation website for local meet information.



Punt, Pass and Kick Event

Punt, Pass and Kick is a program sponsored by The National Football League. Local youth in the surrounding Tupelo area can showcase their football abilities and skills. Call Parks and Recreation for location of event.

3v3 Heat Basketball

This 3v3 basketball program gives adults and youths the chance to play street type basketball in a more organized setting. (Check website for more information.)

Location: Gum Tree Park basketball courts

Registration: 30 minutes before tournament begins

Event Dates: July 21 - 23

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: FREE!



Summer Day Camp 2016

We create opportunities for fun, adventure and learning in a safe, healthy, supervised outdoor/indoor program. This program is for children that have completed kindergarten but not to exceed the fifth grade.

Registration: May 3 (Until full)

Camp: June 6 - July 8 (CLOSED Monday July 4, 2016)

Cost: \$45 per week per child (city residents)

\$40 per week per child (2 or more in family, [city residents only](#))

\$50 per week per child (non city resident)



All Camps Super Fun Day

July 8, 2016, 10am - Noon

At Ballard Park, all day camps, church camps, child care facilities and learning centers are invited. Call our office to get in on this Super Summer Event, 841-6440.

- Camp Competition
- Arts and Crafts
- Water Events
- Face painting
- Sack races
- Tug-of-war
- and more

**Sponsorships and donations welcome.*



Year Round Aquatic Facility

Tupelo Aquatic Center

692 North Veterans Blvd

662-840-3768

www.tupeloaquatics.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday @ 6am-8pm

Wednesday and Friday @ 6am-5pm

Saturday @ 8am-5pm

Sunday @ 1pm-5pm



C.C. Augustus Pool

1400 N. Green Street

Season runs June 6 - July 31

Monday-Friday (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.) (Closes at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays)

Admission \$2.00 for swimmers and non-swimmers

**Private Parties available on weekends during the season. \$250.00.*

Contact Barbara Aguirre at 840-3768 for more information.

Lifeguard Certification Class

The lifeguard training course prepares individuals to assume the duties and responsibilities of lifeguards at the swimming pools and non-surf open swim water beaches and waterparks. This course provides the knowledge and skills designed to save the life of another person in the event of an emergency.

The lifeguard class will be taught at the Tupelo Aquatic Center. Prerequisites are passing the pre-course test which involves swimming 300 yards continuously, treading water for two minutes (without using hands) and retrieving a diving brick (approximately 10 lbs.) from 7 - 12 feet of water within 80 seconds.

Start Date: Class 1: February 26 - 27

Class 2: March 17 - 18

Class 3: April 1 - 2

Class 4: April 15 - 16

Class 5: December 15 - 17

Ages: 15 & up

Cost: \$275 (Additional \$35 for Blended Learning Course)

Recertification Cost: \$150



Senior Aquatic Classes

Get into shape this year with the natural resistance of water. These classes are held in shallow water that lets you workout without putting additional stress on your muscles, bones and joints. We also offer programs for the recreational lap swimmers. All programs are conducted at Tupelo Aquatic Center. Locker rooms and showers are available. Classes must have eight participants to make.

Contact Tupelo Aquatic Center for more information at 840-3768.



Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club is a group for senior adults 50 years and older. The group is a great way to meet other seniors within the Tupelo area. The YAH club meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday nights of the month at the Bel-Air Center. Each night there is music and dancing. Special programs which usually involve holiday programming/dress-up events are scheduled throughout the year. Each participant pays \$5.00 per person each Thursday. Catered events are \$7.00 per person.

Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club

The Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club is an outlet for social interaction with individuals who enjoy ballroom dancing or those interested in learning. Free classes are offered at the The Dance Studio each Monday night. A dance is held each month. For more information on upcoming dance dates, times, and location, please visit www.tupeloballroomdance.blogs.com

Duplicate Bridge Clubs

- The Tupelo Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Bel-Air Center at 1:30 on Sunday and 1:00pm on Fridays.
- The Grand Slam Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1pm on Wednesdays & Fridays at the Bel-Air Center.
- Our Bridge Club is affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League with a membership of over 600,000 and a network throughout the world for competition.



Duplicate Bridge is a game of skill, not chance. The club always needs and welcomes new players.

Lively Hearts Club

The Lively Hearts Club is a group of senior citizens that meet at the C.C. Augustus Center the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Activities include walks around the track at Robins Field, bingo, card games, art, crafts, special events, community guest and lunch.

Challenger League Sports

Challenger League is open to all with physical and mental disabilities, ages 7 and up. This league is established to provide an athletic outlet for all individuals regardless of their abilities. This league participates in softball, soccer, and basketball.

Registration Date: Basketball - Sept. 19 - Oct. 14

Softball - Mar. 21 - April 18

Soccer - July 11 - Aug. 5

Start Date:

Basketball - Nov. 7

Softball - May 2

Soccer - Sept. 12

Day of Week: Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays (1 day per week)

Ages: 7 and up

Cost: \$10 per person

CHALLENGER

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center

662-841-3791, 2107 Country Club Road, Pat Clark, Director

The Bel-Air Center is open Monday 9–12, Tuesday 9–4, and Thursday 9–3. Various activities are available on a daily basis in which anyone 50 plus can participate. We offer scrapbooking classes, arts/crafts, card games, line dance classes, small group discussion, and other personal workshops. Come join quite an active group of individuals who love to stay busy and have fun! Call Pat Clark with any questions about the Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center or stop by and see what it has to offer.

Tupelo Disc Golf

Disc golf is played like regular golf but instead of using golf balls and clubs you use a plastic disc like a Frisbee. The object is to throw your disc from a designated “tee pad” area towards a metal basket surrounded by chains. Once your disc is in the basket, you’ve completed the hole. Tupelo has four disc golf courses in the Park and Recreation System. Three courses are at Veterans Park and the other at Ballard Park.

For more information on Tupelo Disc Golf visit: www.tupelodiscgolf.com or www.facebook.com/BallardParkDiscGolf

Tupelo Running Club - 2016 Race Series

The Tupelo Race Series was started to honor Lisa Russell. Runners battle for bragging rights and cash prizes for competing in series races.

Please visit www.racesonline.com for race listings.



Community Events

Children's Fishing Rodeo

The Fishing Rodeo will be held [April 9, 2016 at Veterans Park](#). Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, bait, tackle, and the whole family. Children ages 3-15 can participate from 9am-Noon and then the event will be open to the public. This is a great event for the entire family! Free Event!

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

The 6th annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Tupelo Aquatic Center, 692 North Veterans Blvd., Tupelo, MS. Assorted sizes of beach balls will be scattered thru out the Elvis Presley pool at the facility. All will be floating on top of the water. Ages 5 years to 12 years of age are welcome to participate. If you cannot swim independently, we do have life jackets during the hunt but must have an adult in the water with your non-swimmer. Swimsuits must be worn. We will have inflatables available for participants to play on in the competition pool. Pre-registration will be required. The date is TBA. Cost is \$5.00 per participant. No Refunds.

Halloween Egg Hunt / Trunk or Treat

Bring all your little spooks out to the Tupelo Ballard Park on [October 27, 2016 at 6pm](#) for the Halloween Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. There will be trunks full of candy and an egg hunt with toys and candy. This event is for kids 12 and under. Admission is one bag of candy per family. Don't forget your flashlights! Volunteers are needed to decorate trunks—prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk.

Family Camp Out at Veterans Park

The camp out will be held [Friday, September 30th, 2016 at Veterans Park](#) and all the fun begins at 4pm. Bring your tents and sleeping bags and you'll be ready to take part in all the activities. Whether you are a seasoned camper or a newbie, this campout is for you! Cost for the Family Fun Campout is [\\$5.00 per person](#). [Children under age 2 are FREE](#). To register, call 662-841-6440. Space is limited.

All-America City Family Picnic in the Park

The biggest 4th of July celebration in North Mississippi is here in Tupelo. The crowds get larger each year with all of the activities packed into the event. There is prime entertainment for all ages, a variety of food in the vendor food court area, and fun activities for the kids. Come to Ballard Park and celebrate with all of your friends and neighbors. This year's event will be held [July 4, 2016](#).

Touch-A-Truck

This program is designed to allow children to touch, climb, and explore trucks and heavy machinery and to learn what purpose the vehicle serves in our community. Vehicles of all types will be on site and various staff of the vehicles will be present for your children to ask questions and satisfy their curiosities. The event will take place [Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m at Ballard Park](#). This is a free event and great for the whole family.

Noleput

Noleput is a New Orleans style street festival taking place on [Saturday, April 15th & 16th in downtown Tupelo](#). Great music, food and fun!

Pick Your Pumpkin from Our Patch

The Tupelo Aquatic Center will turn into the Great Floating Pumpkin Patch in the Elvis Presley Pool in [October 2016](#). Ages 5 years to 12 years of age are welcome to participate. If you cannot swim, life jackets will be available but also must have an adult in water with the non-swimmer. Kids can pick a pumpkin from our in-water pumpkin patch. The participants will swim around the pool and pick out the pumpkin that suits their fancy! Kids can enjoy the inflatables that will be out that morning in the competition pool. Swim suits must be worn. Pre-registration will be required. October 2016 date is TBA. Cost is \$7.00 per participant. No Refunds.

The Annual Christmas Lighting of Ballard Park and Oren Dunn Museum

This event includes local school choirs, open house at Tupelo Parks and Recreation, train rides and the annual toy exhibit at the Oren Dunn Museum. This event also includes an opportunity for a meet and greet and photos with the Grinch. The Lighting will take place [Thursday, December 1st, 2016 at 6:00pm](#).

City Wide Sidewalk Sale

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Purchase a 10X10 space for \$30.00 and turn all that clutter into CASH! The City-Wide Sidewalk Sale will be held [Saturday, April 9, 2016](#) at Veterans Park! You can begin purchasing green space on February 1st, 2016. Vendor is responsible for your own tents, tables, and transporting merchandise to your space from the parking lot. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

BarktoberFest

The BarktoberFest will be held [Saturday, October 15, 2016](#) at the Tupelo Bark Park. This event is tailor made for pets and their families to play, seek pet information & products, and enjoy all things....DOG! Come enjoy music, food and vendors. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

Krewe of Barkus

Krewe of Barkus is a pet parade in celebration of Mardi Gras. We encourage you, your families & your pets to dress up in true festive Mardi Gras attire. You have the opportunity to design floats using wagons and vehicles of all types in celebration of "Fat Tuesday!" Bring beads, dog toys etc. to throw out into the crowd. This event takes place [February 6, 2016](#). Registration will be at the pavilion at the JT Neely building located in Veterans Park from 10am - 10:45am. The parade begins at 11am. For more information contact Shanta Eiland at 662-841-6440. There will be a meet and greet afterwards.

Zombie Fun Run

The Zombie Fun Run is open to kids of all ages, however, kids under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. This event will take place [Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at the Tupelo Cross Country Trail at Ballard Park](#). Pre-Registration fee is \$15.00 (September 6th-30th) and includes a t-shirt. After September 30th, the registration fee will be \$20.00 until the day of the run. Registration fee the day of the run will start at 5:30pm - 6:30pm and will be \$25.00. Individuals who register late or the day of the race will not be guaranteed a t-shirt. The race will begin at 7:13pm.

Volunteers are needed for the race, so if you would like to be a zombie or to help with zombie makeup, contact Neely Turner at 662-841-6440.

Dogtrot Rockabilly Festival

Celebrate the roots of Rock and Roll on the front porch of the Dogtrot House, [Saturday, October 15, 2016](#).

Dudie Burger Festival

Oren Dunn City Museum celebrates the Dudie Burger, created by Dudie Christian and sold in Dudie's Diner, formerly a Memphis street car. Relive the by-gone era of the dough burger, doo-whop music, and fun times at Dudie's Diner. The 2016 Festival will be held May 7, 2016.

Parks & Amenities

Aycock Park (.5 Acres)

Picnic tables and grill

Ballard Park (153 Acres)

3 Acre lake, 1 gazebo, 2 pavilions, 1 stage, 3 restroom facilities, Skate Park, disc golf course, 2 playgrounds, 2.75 mile trail, cross country trail, LifeTrail Fitness system, 1 maintenance building, 20 picnic tables, 2 sand volleyball courts, Oren Dunn Museum, Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 16 lighted multi-purpose fields, 1 athletic operation Center, 40-capacity storm shelter.

Baseball Fields at Sportsplex (55 Acres)

9 baseball fields, pavilion, concession stand, picnic area, 1.2 mile cross country course

Bel-Air Golf Course (72 Acres)

1 nine hole golf course, 1 senior recreation facility and club house, 1 maintenance facility.

Bristow Park (.6 Acre)

1 playground, 1 swing set, .15 mile trail.

C.C. Augustus (.7 Acre)

85,000 gallon swimming pool, 1 recreation/meeting facility, support building for pool.

Chandler Park (.5 Acre)

Swing set

Eastwood Softball Complex (35 Acres)

4 softball fields, 2 concession stands, 2 covered areas, maintenance shed.

Gateway Park (3.3 Acres)

2 water features, 3 pavilions, 1780 feet of trail.

Gumtree Park (22 Acres)

8 outdoor courts, 2 multi purpose fields, 1 pavilion, picnic tables, playground, amphitheater, and 1 mile walking trail.

Gun Club Park (9 Acres)

1 pavilion, playground, 1 mile trail.

Hancock Park (9.8 acres)

3 Outdoor courts, 1 pavilion, 2 playgrounds, .25 mile trail

Haven Acres Park (1 Acre)

1 pavilion, 1 playground structure, .15 mile trail.

Lee Acres Park (4 Acres)

2 basketball courts, 1 lighted ball field, 1 playground, 1 recreational facility, FEMA storm shelter.

Old Mill Town Park (1.2 Acres)

2 outdoor courts, 1 playground, .125 mile trail.

Rob Leake City Park (34 Acres)

17 lighted tennis courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, 2 lighted ball fields, pro shop, 2 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, 1 recreation/meeting facility, Splash pad.

Robins Field (9 Acres)

playground, .25 mile trail.

Theron Nichols Park (35 Acres)

3 lighted ballfields, 6 picnic sites, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .25 mile trail, 1 concession stand/pressbox, sand volleyball court, splash pad (2016), FEMA storm shelter.

Tupelo Bark Park (1 Acre)

Large dog play area, small dog play area, covered entry way with benches, picnic table, watering station, 2.5 mile Music Bend Trail.

Veteran's Park (206 Acres)

Tupelo Aquatic Center, 3 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, LifeTrail Fitness system, 3 disc golf courses, 4 field softball complex with support facilities, splashpad, and Veterans Memorial, F105 static display, 40-capacity storm shelter.

**All parks are free and open to the public with the exception of certain events.*

Oren Dunn City Museum

Housed in a 1937 dairy barn, the Oren Dunn City Museum offers a unique view into the past. The Museum features exhibits on the milestones in Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi History such as the 1864 Battle of Harrisburg, the 1936 Tupelo tornado, and the hospital on the hill. The collection includes objects that reflect local history focusing mainly on agriculture, industry, fossils, and other local memorabilia. The Museum grounds house a large collection of buildings that highlight Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi history: 1870s Dog-Trot cabin, church and school, two Tupelo Fire Trucks, 1948 Lee County Book Mobile, Memphis trolley car turned local eatery Dudie's Diner, and Frisco Caboose.

Along with our permanent exhibits, the museum hosts several seasonal exhibits, which include Quilts, Toys, African-American History, Annual Holiday Exhibit; the museum has several educational programs including a museum summer camp, living history days, and festivals.

Visitor Information:

662-841-6438, Fax: 662-841-6458

Email: Rae.Mathis@tupeloms.gov

Website: www.tupeloms.gov/oren-dunn-city-museum/

Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and on all national holidays

Hours may vary for special events

Admission:

Adults - \$4.00

Seniors (60 & over) - \$3.00

Children (4-12) - \$2.00

Children under 3 - Free

Please call for School Group

and Adult Group Rates

Location: 689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801. Rutherford Road runs South off of West Main Street on the East Side of Ballard Park.



